



## **VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

**June 18, 2015 AOE Offices, Barre**

***VSBE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in  
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning***

### **MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven John, Claudine Bedell, Charlie Phillips, Roberta Baker, Patti Coultas, Helen Lanthier, Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Erik Remmers.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Katherine Blair, Lia Cravedi, Jay Hoffman.

**STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Owens, Julie Longchamp, NEA, Amy Fowler, Susan Yesalonia, Patrick Halladay, Nancy Reid, Rebecca Plude.

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. John called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

S. John added motions for approval of the Level I Licensure Portfolio to the afternoon discussion.

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#### **Approval of minutes**

S. John asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting.

R. Baker **moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting.** P. Coultas seconded. **Motion passed.**

#### **Executive Committee Report**

The Executive Committee met virtually on 6/8/15 prior to this meeting.

#### **Staff Report**

D. Price thanked the Educator Quality Division staff who are incredibly busy this time of year. To date, licensing staff have processed and completed a third of all 2015 renewals.

#### **Correspondence / Announcements**

D. Tinney has been invited to join a conference held by the Gates Foundation this summer.

P. Halladay and C. Bedell are going to Washington DC for a one day conference on personalized learning, hosted by the CCSSO. The Innovative Learning Lab Network is sponsoring a portion of the conference regarding teacher standards and their relation to personalized learning plans.

S. John noted that today is the first day of Ramadan.

### **NASDTEC Interstate Agreement (Reciprocity): Survey Results**

A. Fowler spoke to the Board about the Vermont statutes related to reciprocity; specifically: Title 16, chapters 51 and 59. P. Halladay conducted a comparison of several endorsements, across four New England states: VT, NY, NH and MA. The endorsements compared were: Secondary Mathematics, Elementary Education, and Principal.

D. Price spoke to the Board about potential impacts of creating a license that does not meet Highly Qualified Teacher standards.

The Board broke into committees at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. after lunch.

### **Waiver Request**

The Board spoke with an educator regarding their request for a waiver of the Praxis I requirement.

### **Level I Licensure Portfolio**

**L. Millington moved that the VSBPE adopt the Vermont Licensure Portfolio for use in all Vermont educator preparation programs using a statewide on-going system for calibrating portfolio reviewers for all their educator candidates. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed. 2 abstentions.**

Abstentions due to potential conflicts of interest.

**L. Millington moved that the VSBPE adopt the implementation plan for the Vermont Licensure Portfolio by all Vermont educator preparation programs. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed. 2 abstentions.**

### **Licensure Committee – R. Baker reporting**

The committee discussed: Policy Q2, Early Childhood Private Providers Provisional License; updates on new statutes License fees, SLP's; and update on L/RSB Summer Conferences.

**R. Baker moved that the VSBPE approve and adopt Policy Q2: Early Childhood Educator Provisional License Requests. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.**

#### **Professional Standards Committee – P. Coultas reporting**

The committee discussed: the ongoing revisions to the endorsements, and the Mentoring Guidelines revisions.

#### **Program Approval Committee – L. Millington reporting**

The committee discussed: NEASC Consideration for Independent School, Teacher Licensure Program, Castleton State College ROPA Review Team, and the Green Mountain College update.

**L. Millington moved that the VSBPE approve the following team members for the Castleton State College visit July 27-28, 2015: Ron Stahley (chair), Juliet Halladay, Susan Koch, Kathleen Brinegar and Don Tinney. C. Bedell seconded. 1 recusal. Motion passed.**

#### **Executive Session - Waiver Request #2015-009**

**H. Lanthier moved to enter into executive session to discuss a waiver request. The Board invited D. Price to join them and provide input. C. Phillips seconded. Motion passed.**

**P. Coultas moved to exit executive session. R. Baker seconded. Motion passed.**

**P. Coultas moved that the VSBPE grant a waiver of Rule 5351, to AW for the Praxis Core Writing test requirement limited to the Rutland City Public Schools Supervisory Union, limited to the Rutland High School. R. Baker seconded. Motion passed.**

At 3:00 p.m., Chair John declared the June 18, 2015 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Plude